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**MONROE EXHIBIT, 'CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CLASSICS'
COME TO ANDREW JACKSON'S HERMITAGE**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Aug. 6, 2019) – Beginning in September, [Andrew Jackson's Hermitage](#) is offering two opportunities for guests to immerse themselves in American history - an exhibit about President James Monroe's southern tour and its popular *Conversations with the Classics* series.

Your Obedient Servant: James Monroe's 1819 Presidential Tour of the Southern States:
The traveling banner exhibit, organized by the James Monroe Museum in Virginia, commemorates the bicentennial of President Monroe's southern tour while highlighting his visits to various states including Tennessee. Monroe was the first of 14 presidents to visit The Hermitage. The exhibit will be on display from Sept. 5-Oct. 4 and is included with admission to Andrew Jackson's Hermitage.

Conversations with the Classics:
On Sept. 19 and 20, this year's *Conversations with the Classics* series will kick off with a light-hearted and varied look at the life and character of Charles Dickens. The event will feature readings by Gerald Dickens, Charles' great-great-grandson, and will highlight scenes from Dickens' works, diary extracts and observations from those who knew and worked with him.

On Oct. 18-19, renowned New England literary historian Rob Vellella will portray Edgar Allan Poe and offer dramatic readings of Poe's works and stories of his life. Guests can also join Vellella for a Poe-themed buffet brunch in the Hermitage's Cabin-by-the-Spring the morning of Oct. 19, where he'll share tales and readings of the author.

Rounding out this year's series is Washington Irving. Nov. 7-8, "Irving," as portrayed by John Dennis Anderson, will read one of his most famous stories, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," while also sharing tales of his travels through Oklahoma's Indian Territory during Jackson's presidency. Following the program, guests will have the opportunity to meet and mingle with Irving.

Admission prices and more information can be found at thehermitage.com or follow Andrew Jackson's Hermitage on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) (@7thpresident) and [Twitter](#) (@7thpresident).

ABOUT ANDREW JACKSON'S HERMITAGE

Andrew Jackson's Hermitage: Home of the People's President is one of the largest, most well-preserved and most visited presidential homes in the United States. Opened to the public in 1889, The Hermitage is one of America's first presidential museums. Today, The Hermitage is a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark with more than 20 historic buildings, including Jackson's mansion and tomb, restored slave cabins, a church and gardens. In recent years, new interpretive initiatives and educational programs such as the history of slavery have enhanced the experience of more than 230,000 annual visitors. For more information, visit www.thehermitage.com.

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